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*The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for Legislative Business
(Last Vote Expected in the Evening)*

Anticipated Floor Action:

**H.R. 4611—Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs
Appropriations Act of 2001 (Complete Consideration)**



H.R. 4811—FY 2001 Foreign Operations Appropriations Act

Floor Situation:

The House is scheduled to resume consideration of H.R. 4811 on Thursday, July 13, 2000. During the session of the House on Wednesday, July 12, a unanimous consent agreement was entered into for further consideration of H.R. 4811 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 546. Under the order, no further amendments to H.R. 4811 shall be in order except *pro forma* amendments offered by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate. The agreement makes in order only the following amendments previously printed in the *Congressional Record*. Each amendment may be offered only by the Member designated in this request, or a designee, or a Member who caused it to be printed, or a designee, and shall be considered as read. Each additional amendment shall be debatable for the time specified equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The following two amendments have been debated and are subject to a roll call vote on Thursday, July 13, 2000:

Ms. Waters offered amendment (#27) that gives more debt relief funds to Third World countries. This amendment releases the world's most impoverished countries from their debt to the United

States. The amendment fully funds the Administration's request of \$225 million for debt relief for the world's poorest countries in fiscal year 2001. The current Foreign Operations Appropriations bill includes \$69.4 million in debt relief funds for these countries. *Staff Contact: Kathleen Sengstock, x5-2201.*

Ms. Lee offered amendment that increases the account for Agency for International Development Child Survival and Disease Programs Fund by approximately \$42 million. The additional funds would be directed to the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS. *Contact: 5-5-2661.*

One of the following two amendments printed in the Congressional Record will be debated for 60 minutes:

Mr. Greenwood may offer amendment (#11) that strikes section 587 of the bill which restricts assistance to non-governmental organizations that perform abortions. This amendment makes it possible for all U.S. funds in the population account to be used to fund organizations that perform or promote abortion as a method of birth control overseas. *Staff Contact: Ron Chester, x5-4276.*

Ms. Lowey may offer amendment (#15) that strikes section 587 of the bill which restricts assistance to foreign organizations that perform abortions. *Contact: x5-6506.*

The following amendment will be debatable for 30 minutes:

Ms. Waters will offer amendment (#28) that authorizes negotiations for the creation of a World Bank AIDS Trust Fund to provide grants to support HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention programs in the countries of sub-Saharan Africa and other less developed countries and appropriate \$200 million for this critical program. *Staff Contact: Kathleen Sengstock, x5-2201.*

One of the following two amendments will be debatable for 20 minutes:

Mr. Burton may offer an amendment (#5) that adds a section entitled "Title VII-Additional General Provisions" to the end of the bill. This new section prevents any Bilateral Economic Assistance funds from being used for developmental aid to India. *Contact: x5-2276.*

Mr. Burton may offer an amendment (#6) that adds a section entitled "Title VII-Additional General Provisions" to the end of the bill. This section limits India's amount of Bilateral Economic Assistance funding to \$35 million. *Contact: x5-2276.*

The following two amendments will be debatable for 20 minutes:

Ms. Jackson-Lee will offer an amendment (#46) that prevents any funds in the bill from being given to countries that use children under age 18 as soldiers in their military. *Contact: x5-3816.*

Mr. Roemer will offer an amendment (#18) increases Bilateral Economic Assistance funds for development assistance by \$15 million, decreases USAID in Title II by \$2.1 million, decreases Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency funding in Title IV by \$4.9 million, and decreases the

Inter-American Investment Corporation funding by \$8 million in Title IV. *Staff Contact: Pete Spiro, x5-3915.*

The following remaining amendments will each be debatable for 10 minutes:

Mr. Bereuter will offer an amendment (#30) that prohibits the United States Government from using funds provided this Act to provide guarantees or insurance - backed up by the full faith and credit of the American taxpayer - for any liability that may result from the construction or operation of the nuclear reactors provided to North Korea by the United States. *Contact: x5-4806.*

Mr. Baker will offer an amendment (#29) that prevents funds under the heading of “Development Assistance” or “Economic Support Fund” from being used as aid for the Government of the Republic of Panama unless the Panamanian government enters into “good-faith negotiations” regarding U.S. military installations in Panama. *Contact: x5-3901.*

Mr. Brown (OH) will offer an amendment (#32) that prohibits any funds in the bill from being used in violation of existing laws against the importation of goods made by forced labor. This amendment reinforces section 307 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C.1307). *Staff Contact: Arlan Fuller, x5-3401.*

Ms. Jackson-Lee will offer an amendment (#45) that decreases international disaster assistance by \$10 million and increases peacekeeping operations by \$10 million. *Contact: x5-3816.*

Ms. Jackson-Lee will offer an amendment (#44) that decreases funding for the Independent States of the Former Soviet Union by \$15 million and increases the Economic Support Fund by \$15 million. *Contact: x5-3816.*

Mr. Payne will offer an amendment (#56) that provides sanctions against Angola. *Contact: x5-3436.*

Mr. Payne will offer an amendment (#55) that decreases the funding for narcotics control by \$16 million and places the amount in the fund for peacekeeping operations. *Contact: x5-3436.*

Mr. Payne will offer an amendment (#57) that provides \$15 million dollars to provide assistance for the National Democratic Alliance of Sudan. *Contact: x5-3436.*

Mr. Payne will offer an amendment regarding restrictions on assistance to governments destabilizing Angola. *Contact: x5-3436.*

Mr. Menedez will offer an amendment (#50) that commends the Organization of American States (OAS) for their work in Peru, chastises the government of Peru for their unfair elections, and gives the President and the Congress ninety days to prepare a report on the conditions (political, economic and physical) in Peru in order to determine what will be a successful aid approach to the country. *Contact: x5-7919.*

Mr. Filner will offer an amendment (#39) that grants \$3.5 million to the Kurdish Human Rights Watch in Iraq. *Contact: x5-8045.*

Mr. Conyers will offer an amendment (#38) that strikes section 558 of the bill, thus allowing U.S. foreign aid money to go to Haiti. *Contact: x5-5126.*

Mr. Capuano will offer an amendment (#33) that authorizes \$5 million of the money in the bill for assistance for the independent states of the former Soviet Union be used to promote peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan. *Contact: x5-5111.*

Mr. Capuano may offer an amendment (#34) that requires the president to submit a report to Congress within one year after unilateral food and medical sanctions are lifted to determine whether or not the recipient country is cooperating in allowing food and medicine to reach the general population. *Contact: x5-5111.*

Mr. Nadler will offer an amendment that has language regarding the sense of the Congress that “honor killings” of women in countries like Bangladesh, Jordan, India and Pakistan is wrong. Honor killing is when a women is punished or severely injured after they “hurt their families honor” by refusing a arranged marriage, committing adultery or divorcing their husband. Punishment for these “crimes” can take many forms, such as flogging, forced suicide stoning, beheading, acid throwing and burning. This amendment contains language that urges USAID to work with international groups to prevent and outlaw this human rights violation. *Contact: x5-5635.*

Mr. Jackson (IL) will offer an amendment that increases the contribution to the African Development Bank by \$3 million and increases the limitation on callable capital subscriptions to the fund by \$46.4 million. *Contact: x5-0773.*

Mr. Lathram will offer an amendment (#49) that opposes international financial institution loans reduce the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture. The amendment authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the United States Executive Director of each international financial institution [as defined in section 1701 (c) (2) of the International Financial Institutions Act] to oppose any proposed loan that would harm the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture. *Contact: x5-5476.*

Ms. Kaptur will offer an amendment (#48) that reduces the amount of U.S. assistance to the Ukraine by an amount equal to the amount of any outstanding claims by any private, business or governmental entity. *Contact: x5-4146.*

Mr. Burton will offer an amendment (#7) that decreases the amount of aid to India in Title II by \$5 million. *Contact: x5-2276.*

Mr. Cox will offer an amendment (#9) that prohibits the United States Government from using funds provided this Act to provide guarantees or insurance - backed up by the full faith and credit of the American taxpayer - for any liability that may result from the construction or operation of the nuclear reactors provided to North Korea by the United States. *Staff Contact: Jonathan Burks, x5-5611.*

Mr. Kucinich will offer an amendment (#13) that prevents any funds in the bill from being given to the Kosovo Protection Corps. *Contact: x5-5871.*

Ms. Lowey will offer an amendment (#16) that prevents any money from being used world-wide to restrict or prevent the use of abortion as birth control. **Contact: x5-6506.**

Mr. Paul may offer an amendment (#17) that prohibits the use of funds in the bill for international population control or family planning activities. **Staff Contact: Joe Becker, x5-2831.**

Mr. Royce will offer an amendment (#19) that strikes \$4.9 million in funding for Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), an arm of the World Bank established in 1988 to provide political risk insurance to private corporations and banks investing in developing countries. **Staff Contact: Darrin Shrader, x5-2276.**

Mr. Traficant will offer an amendment (#23) that prevents any funds in the bill from being used to aid the Palestine Authority. **Contact: 5-5261.**

Mr. Traficant will offer an amendment (#24) that prevents funds in the bill from being used in contravention of the “Buy American Act” of 1933. **Contact: 5-5261.**

Mr. Traficant will offer an amendment (#25) that prevents any funds in the bill from being used to fund the Palestine Authority until it completes all contracts between itself and any U.S. entity it has contracts with. **Contact: x5-5261.**

Ms. Waters will offer an amendment (#26) that provides full funding for debt relief for Mozambique and other heavily indebted poor countries. It appropriate the remaining \$810 million to fully forgive the debts that continue to impoverish the world’s poorest countries and their people. **Staff Contact: Kathleen Sengstock: x5-2201.**

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXIX, #19 Pt. II, July 11, 2000



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